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SUBJECT:FRG-BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT: FRG TO PROCEED
WITH LICENSE ISSUANCE

1. ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM FOREIGN MINISTER GENSCHER, FRG
AMBASSADOR VON STADEN CALLED ON DEPUTY SECRETARY CHRISTO-
PHER AT NOON ON APRIL 5 TO DISCUSS MOST RECENT DEVELOPMENTS
IN THE FRG-BRAZILIAN NUCLEAR AGREEMENT.

2. VON STADEN SAID THAT CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT HAD TOLD
SECRETARY VANCE ON MARCH 31, AS HE HAD EARLIER TOLD
AMBASSADOR STOESSEL, THAT IN HIS VIEW THE TIME HAD COME TO
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ISSUE TO BRAZIL THE LICENSES FOR THE EXPORT OF KNOW-HOW ON
THE PILOT REPROCESSING PLANT AND THE DEMONSTRATION ENRICH-
MENT PLANT. ISSUANCE HAD TAKEN PLACE ON APRIL 5 BUT WOULD
NOT BE MADE PUBLIC AT THAT TIME. THE FRG WOULD WAIT UNTIL
APRIL 8, I.E. UNTIL AFTER THE PRESIDENT'S PUBLIC STATEMENT
ON NUCLEAR ENERGY POLICY, BEFORE MAKING ANY PUBLIC COMMENT.
THE FRG ASKED THAT THE US SIDE ALSO AVOID PUBLICIZING THE

ISSUANCE OF THE LICENSES.

3. VON STADEN SAID THAT THE CONSIDERATIONS THAT HAD GUIDED THE FRG IN THIS DECISION HAD BEEN OUTLINED TO SECRETARY VANCE IN BONN AND HAD BEEN CONTAINED IN THE NON-PAPER HANDED OVER TO THE US SIDE. AS NOTED IN THAT DOCUMENT, THE ISSUANCE OF THESE LICENSES DID NOT CONSTITUTE AN IRREVERSIBLE STEP.

4. VON STADEN CLOSED BY STATING THAT THE FRG WELCOMED AND APPRECIATED ITS RECEIVING AN ADVANCE COPY OF THE PRESIDENT'S NUCLEAR ENERGY STATEMENT. (CHRISTOPHER PRESENTED A DRAFT COPY TO VON STADEN.) VON STADEN SAID THAT THIS EARLY RECEIPT OF THE STATEMENT WOULD ALLOW THE FRG TO PREPARE A PARALLEL STATEMENT OF ITS OWN THAT WOULD TAKE ACCOUNT OF THE BROAD SPECTRUM OF COMMONALITY BETWEEN THE US AND FRG IN THE AREA OF NON-PROLIFERATION.

5. CHRISTOPHER SAID THIS ISSUANCE WAS UNWELCOME AND DISAPPOINTING BUT NOT SURPRISING. HE WAS ANXIOUS FOR BOTH OUR COUNTRIES TO MINIMIZE THE ADVERSE EFFECTS WHICH HE WAS SURE THE NEWS OF THE ISSUANCE WOULD ENTAIL. HE THEREFORE THOUGHT IT WOULD BE HELPFUL IF ANY FRG STATEMENT MADE ON APRIL 8 WERE CO'CHED IN THE MOST CAREFUL LANGUAGE, E.G. INCLUDING A DESCRIPTION OF THE NATURE OF THE TECHNOLOGY TO BE TRANSFERRED. HE ALSO NOTED THAT THE FRG'S COORDINATION OF THE WORDING OF ANY ANNOUNCEMENT WITH US MIGHT HELP TO MINIMIZE THE FALLOUT.

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6. VON STADEN UNDERTOOK TO FIND OUT WHETHER THERE WOULD BE AN ANNOUNCEMENT AND IF THERE WERE TO BE ONE, TO TRY TO GET IT TO WASHINGTON BEFOREHAND FOR CONSULTATION. SIMILARLY HE HOPED TO OBTAIN AN ADVANCE SET OF PRESS GUIDELINES FOR HANDING MEDIA QUERIES ON THE LICENSE PROBLEM. VON STADEN SAID HE UNDERSTOOD CHRISTOPHER'S DESIRE TO ARRIVE AT A STATEMENT AND GUIDELINES THAT REFLECTED AS MUCH COMMON GROUND AS POSSIBLE BETWEEN THE US AND THE FRG.

7. VON STADEN STRESSED THAT THE FRG MOTIVE IN MAKING PUBLIC THE ISSUANCE ONLY ON APRIL 8 WAS TO KEEP THE MATTER SEPARATE FROM THE PRESIDENT'S APRIL 7 STATEMENT. CHRISTOPHER SAID THE DEGREE OF SEPARATION WOULD BE GREATER IF THE FRG'S PUBLICIZING THE STEP CAME ON APRIL 11, AFTER A LONG WEEKEND. VON STADEN SAID HE WOULD SEE IF THIS WAS POSSIBLE. CHRISTOPHER CLOSED THE MEETING BY ASKING VON STADEN TO DETERMINE HOW THE FRG WAS

HANDLING THE INFORMING OF BRAZIL OF THE ISSUANCE AND
OF THE FRG'S APPROACH TO THE PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT. HERE,
TOO, VON STADEN SAID HE WOULD CHECK WITH BONN.

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